

IEF Questions and Answers

Q: Is this fund available for the country in which I would like to do business?

A: If the proposer is a California company, and meets all of the other minimum requirements for the fund, then a project may be proposed in almost any country. The only countries that are not eligible are those where the U.S. government prohibits U.S. companies or individuals from conducting business. Please see "Minimum Eligibility Requirements" on page 5 of the application, especially item #2. Also refer to the section of the application entitled "Targeted Geographical Locations" on page 7.

Q: We are a non-U.S. organization and want to work on energy options in our country. Could you name a California company with which we can associate?

A: Please refer to our Energy Company Directory for a list of energy companies. Be sure to filter the list for California companies, as only California companies are eligible for funding.

Q: Are firms located outside of California eligible to receive awards from the International Energy Fund?

A: The proposer(s) must be California company(s). This applies to all members of a consortium. However, a company receiving IEF funds may use them to purchase professional services from any other company, as long as the 50% California content requirement is satisfied.

Q: Can firms submit more than one proposal and potentially be awarded for multiple projects?

A: Yes; each proposal will be evaluated on its own merits.

Q: Is the fund limited to electrical generation projects?

A: No; the IEF can be used for a variety of energy technologies.

Q: If my company is given an award, what charges would be acceptable for travel?

A: The travel rates are the same as those for unrepresented state employees. Please go to http://www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/international_energy_fund/EXPORT_T-C_ALLOWABLE_TRAVEL.PDF for more details.

Q: What is the process for an awardee to collect IEF funds?

A: Payment by the Commission is strictly in arrears. The awardee submits an invoice for expenses incurred, and the invoice is reviewed by Commission staff. If approved, the awardee will then be issued a check.

Q: Are the forms found in the IEF application available electronically?

A: Yes. They are on the Commission's web site as PDF and Word documents. They are located at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/index.html#export>.

Q: Are there any restrictions on sources of in-kind funds? Can they be other public funds, such as under a federal grant?

A: For other state funds, a determination will be made on a case-by-case basis, consistent with applicable legal requirements. Other public funds may be used for the matching requirement.

Q: Does the 50% California content requirement apply to the whole project, or just the pre-construction activities?

A: The pre-construction phase. However, a project's economic benefit to California is considered in the scoring process.

Q: Is the 5% preference for target regions a *flat* 5%, or is it *5% of the proposal's score*?

A: It is *5% of the proposal's score*. So, for example, a score of 80% would be increased to 84%.

Q: What time scale would be considered reasonable for the projects?

A: This determination will be made case-by-case by Commission staff.

Q: What is the reporting schedule for awardees?

A: Reports are normally made on a quarterly basis.

Q: How active will the CEC be in supporting the project?

A: Usually, Commission staff will take a more active or less active role based on the preferences of the awardee.